**Specialist Accreditation – example biography paragraph**

**Joanne Bloggs**

As Managing Partner of Bloggs & Co and the head of the Planning & Environment team, Joanne is highly regarded across the profession.

After being admitted as a solicitor in 1987 Joanne spent a number of years across public and private sector roles before starting Bloggs & Co in 2005. Joanne became an Accredited Specialist in Planning & Environment in 2011.

***Specialist Accreditation is a structured peer to peer assessment process enabling legal practitioners to be recognised for their expertise. To be accredited specialists must pass a series of meticulous assessments on both legal knowledge and its application in practice. To retain their accreditation specialists must undertake significant additional professional development in their area of expertise each year.***

Joanne's extensive knowledge and experience, combined with her strong negotiation skills, allow her to resolve the majority of clients' disputes outside the court system. This means that her clients are able to achieve a successful outcome without having to be involved in costly and time-consuming litigation.